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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: WSAG Discussion of Dominick Amendment

This morning I intercepted the Director by phone at the White House and told him of our information that the above subject might be brought up by State at the WSAG meeting which the Director was about to attend, adding that we also understood Dominick was seriously considering an extended closed session debate on his amendment. I pointed out our fear that such a debate would open up the whole Laos issue to confusion and controversy, and that from the Agency standpoint it would seem far preferable to settle for the compromise suggested by Senator Case, which would limit the application of the prohibition against third nationals to Thailand alone. After the WSAG meeting the Director called me back to say that the matter had been thoroughly discussed at the WSAG meeting and General Haig would seek the President's decision as to how he wished the matter handled.

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